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# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



St Vincent's Catholic Church image161

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## Location

1 VICTORIA ROAD, LOCH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Rec for HO area contributory

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

St. Vincent's Catholic Church, at 1 Victoria Street, Loch, built in 1903, is significant. The weatherboard Victorian Carpenter Gothic church has a steeply pitched roof with an additional small gabled projecting porch with side doors to the South and a gabled chancel to the North. There is a projecting transverse gable to the East below a gable end frame as part of the main building. The square-headed, narrow windows are possible 1912 additions.

Non-original alterations or addition, other than those specified above, are not significant.

### How is it significant?

St. Vincent's Catholic Church, at 1 Victoria St, Loch is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Historically St. Vincent's Catholic Church is the oldest extant Catholic Church in the South Gippsland Shire area. It demonstrates the history of the Catholic Church within the South Gippsland Shire and exemplified the importance of religion on the early development of small rural communities within the Shire. The church also demonstrates the history of various faith-based groups in Loch over time. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, St Vincent's Catholic Church is constructed in the typical Victorian Carpenter Gothic style, with little changes or deviations, apart from the square headed windows. In this way, the church significantly contributes to the historic character of Loch as a town. Its location at the far western end of town makes it part of the gateway to the town of Loch from the west. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1903, 1903, 1906, 1912, 1903, 1906, 1912,
Other Names	-,
Hermes Number	30875
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## Physical Description 1

St Vincent's Catholic Church at 1 Victoria Road, Loch is a conventional Victorian Carpenter Gothic church with a steeply pitched gable roof to the nave, a small gabled porch with side doors at the south and a gabled chancel at the north with a transverse gable added to the east. Unusually it has square headed windows, possibly as a result of alterations made in 1912. Otherwise it has no distinguishing external features except a simple gable end frame.

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